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to the outer wall of the casing and being circumferentially spaced therefrom, the flange wall having a distal end;

at least one cap located on an end of the outer casing, the cap having a wall extending substantially parallel to the outer wall of the casing and being circumferentially spaced therefrom;

a central core;

✓ a bundle of hollow fibers arranged around the central core and positioned directly between the outer wall and the central core;

a circumferential groove located in an edge of the cap wall for receiving the distal end of the flange wall.

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32.3 (Amended) The exchanger of claim [31] 29 wherein the cap engages both the distal end of the flange wall and the central core.

4 33. (Amended) The exchanges of claim 32 ³ wherein the cap engages the central core in a [press-fit manner] press-fitting relationship.

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37.8 (Amended) An exchanger having one of a plurality of capacities, comprising:

an outer casing having a tubular outer wall with an outer casing diameter, the outer casing diameter being different for each of the plurality of capacities and having an angled circumferential flange extending therefrom by a radial length, the radial length being different for each of the plurality of capacities;

a bundle of fibers located within the outer casing;
a central core having a central core diameter less than the outer casing diameter located in the outer casing and around which the bundle of fibers is arranged, a thickness of the bundle of fibers [and a capacity of the exchanger being defined by the difference between the outer casing diameter and the central core diameter]; and

a cap having a cap diameter located on an end of the outer casing, the cap having a wall extending substantially parallel to the outer wall of the casing and being spaced radially therefrom; wherein

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the outer casing diameter and the radial length cooperate to cause the wall of the cap to engage the angled flange; [whereby

the exchanger is adaptable to being manufactured in an plurality of different capacities by predetermining the outer casing diameter and circumferential flange radial length for each capacity while utilizing a central core having the same central core diameter for each of the plurality of capacities and a cap having the same cap diameter for each of the plurality of capacities] and wherein each of the plurality of capacities of the exchanger is defined by the difference between the outer casing diameter and the central core diameter.